

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2003. Claim 1 has been amended to delete parenthetical language as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 10 has been amended to correct the lack of antecedent basis. There is no new matter added as a consequence of the amendment to the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 1 has been amended to delete the parenthetical language objected to by the Examiner. Thus, Applicants submit that amended claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2-19 and 22-26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants submit that claims 2-19 and 22-26 now depend from an allowable claims and are therefore also allowable.

Claims 20 and 21 are allowable.

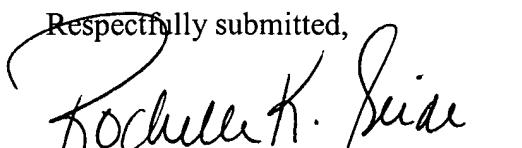
Drawings

Applicants submit herewith a replacement drawing for Figure 1. Also attached is an annotated sheet showing the changes made.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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